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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: PHARMACEUTICAL INVENTORY AND DISPENSATION COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHODS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 940 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 940 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/806,878

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

SIND PHONGSVIRAJATI

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/07/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-15,25-33,35 and 36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20090918
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/S. P./
Examiner, Art Unit 3686

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. In response to communications filed on 05/07/2010, claims 1-5, 7-15, 25-33, and 35-36 are pending for allowance, claims 6 is canceled. Claims 16-24 and 34 are withdrawn as being a non-elected invention.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 29-52 are allowed.

The primary reason for allowance is the inclusions of the following limitations in the combination as recited.

Claim 1 is directed towards a method for computerized monitoring of dispensation of pharmaceuticals to inmates and dispensation of prescribed medication to prisoners within correctional facilities defining inmates in conjunction with computerized records including an electronic medical record containing information about a specific inmate to receive prescribed medication and the inmate's medical history, the method comprising the steps of: reviewing the inmate's electronic medical record to verify that the prescribed medication is suitable for the inmate responsive to electronic medical record data contained therein, the electronic medical record stored in computer memory of a first computer defining a computerized records computer

configured to manipulate and store the computerized records including the electronic medical record; authorizing release of the inmate's prescribed medication by a pharmacist located at a central pharmacy responsive to the prescribed medication being verified as suitable for the inmate; labeling a unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication for dispensing to the inmate responsive to the authorization; delivering the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication to a correctional facility unit that houses the inmate, the correctional facility unit located remote from the central pharmacy; transferring the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication within the correctional facility unit to administer the inmate's prescribed medication to the inmate; performing an automated verification that the inmate is the inmate who has been prescribed the inmate's prescribed medication by a second computer defining a correctional facility unit computer prior to forming a record of dispensing the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication to the inmate responsive to the inmate swiping an identification card through a card swiper, the correctional facility unit computer configured to store computerized dispensation, received verification, and administration verification records; dispensing the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication to the inmate; forming a record of dispensing the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication to the inmate in computer memory of the correctional facility unit computer responsive to the dispensing of the prescribed medication to the inmate, the correctional facility unit computer positioned in communication with the computerized records computer to update the inmate's electronic medical record; verifying receipt by the

inmate of the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication; forming a receipt verification record in the computer memory of the correctional facility unit computer indicating verification that the inmate received the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication responsive to the verification of receipt by the inmate; performing an actual physical verification verifying whether or not the inmate consumed the inmate's prescribed medication; performing one of the following administration verification steps: forming an administration verification record in the computer memory of the correctional facility unit computer indicating an actual physical verification that the inmate consumed the inmate's prescribed medication responsive to the verification of consumption by the inmate, and forming the administration verification record in the computer memory of the correctional facility unit computer indicating that the inmate did not consume the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication when so occurring; updating the inmate's electronic medical record by the computerized records computer responsive to receiving the administration verification record from the correctional facility unit computer; receiving a data entry from a correctional facility pill window technician for the respective correctional facility unit indicating an allergic reaction to the inmate's prescribed medication; and updating the inmate's electronic medical record over a communications network responsive to the step of receiving the data entry indicating an allergic reaction to the inmate's prescribed medication.

The closest prior art of record are as follows:

Chudy (US 2004/0088187) teaches of a system and method for optimized

management of pharmacy workflow, specifically, workflow associated with fulfillment of prescription orders for medications and health-related products in a pharmacy environment. Chudy teaches the steps of reviewing the electronic medical record to verify that the prescribed medication is suitable for the patient; authorizing release of the prescribed medication for the patient if the prescribed medication has been verified as suitable for the patient; labeling a unit packet of the prescribed medication for dispensing; delivering the unit packet of the prescribed medication to a facility unit that houses the patient.

Chudy does not specifically disclose the computerized method being directed towards inmates or correctional facilities. Furthermore, Chudy does not disclose performing an automated verification that the inmate is the inmate who .has been prescribed the inmate's prescribed medication by a second computer defining a correctional facility unit computer prior to forming a record of dispensing the unit packet of the inmate's prescribed medication to the inmate responsive to the inmate swiping an identification card through a card swiper, the correctional facility unit computer configured to store computerized dispensation, received verification, and administration verification records; receiving a data entry from a correctional facility pill window technician for the respective correctional facility unit indicating an allergic reaction to the inmate's prescribed medication; and updating the inmate's electronic medical record over a communications network responsive to the step of receiving the data entry indicating an allergic reaction to the inmate's prescribed medication.

Claims 2-5 and 7-15 incorporates all the limitations of claim 1 and are allowed for the same reasons given above.

Claims 25, 27, 33, and 35 recites substantially similar limitations to claim 1. Additionally, claims 26, 28-32, and 36 incorporate all the limitations of claims 25, 27, 33, or 35 and are allowed for the same reasons given above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SIND PHONGSVIRAJATI whose telephone number is (571) 270-5398. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3686
12 July 2010

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